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<i>Attorney Docket No. of Prior Application</i>	ACSC 59868 (0848RE)
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<i>Art Unit</i>	3762
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This is a request for a continuation or divisional application under
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/843,711.

(continued prosecution application (C.P.A.) or prior application number) _____

filed on 04/16/1997, entitled Intravascular Catheter With Replaceable Shaft Section

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C-I-P NOT PERMITTED: A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT: In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request. 37 CFR 1.78(a)

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 2. A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
 3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).
 - a. **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:

- b. The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
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	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))	<input type="checkbox"/>		+ \$ 0 =	\$0.00
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR 1.16)	\$750.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$1,224.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR 1.27).	<input type="checkbox"/>			\$0.00
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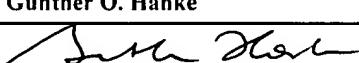
6. Small entity status: Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the final Office action of April 18, 2003, the response for which is due July 18, 2003. Please amend and reconsider the above-referenced application. This amendment is being filed concurrently with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d).